

**REMARKS**

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/798,526 filed on March 11, 2004. 1-39 are pending in the application. Claims 4-39 are allowed. Claims 1-3 are rejected.

**Double Patenting**

Applicants have canceled claim 3 which inadvertently duplicated claim 2.

**Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102**

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Reichman et al. (US 6,240,073). Applicants have amended claim 1. Claims 1 and 2 distinguish over Reichman which does not disclose actions of "communicating unscheduled messages at an uncontrolled switch [and] generating signals at the uncontrolled switch that schedule the messages in the controlled switch."

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 4-39 are allowed.

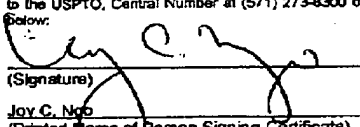
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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe all remaining claims are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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